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Enriching Girls' Lives Through Golf in the Greater Philadelphia Area

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WGGB gives back by promoting the game of golf for girls who would not otherwise have a chance to play.

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To support golf programs for girls in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware that encourage personal development through unique opportunities for skill-building, playing and competing.

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In anticipation of hosting the 2022 Curtis Cup, an international competition between the top female amateur golfers in the United States, Great Britain and Ireland, the women of Merion Golf Club welcomed ten young girls from WGGB Grantee Programs to play Merion on August 6. Teamed up with their Merion hosts, the girls played nine holes on the West Course. The four top-scoring WGGB players moved on to a one-hole playoff on the legendary East Course 18th hole.

For the first time ever, Cierra Griffith, Nicole Yun, Celia Breslin and Bella Magno experienced the thrill of playing the course Jack Nicklaus once said, “Acre for acre, may be the best test of golf in the world.” Each was paired with a Merion Assistant Pro who donned a caddy bib and carried the girl’s golf bag, and these future stars were cheered on by an enthusiastic crowd of women golfers who followed them along the hole.

Nicole Yun from Linfield National Players’ Program, participated in both our June mini-tournament and the Merion outing. She wrote to WGGB afterwards to share her appreciation:

“I wanted to tell you how incredibly grateful I am to have been able to play at Whitemarsh Valley Country Club and Merion Golf Club due to this amazing organization. It was so nice to see and play a course professionals have played before. The Merion environment was very welcoming, and it was a once in a lifetime opportunity.”

*I am honored that **Women Golfers Give Back** is able to create great opportunities for young girls like me. I am overwhelmed from the encouraging atmosphere this organization provides, and I loved every minute of each event.”*—Nicole Yun



Top, from left to right, top: Anna Firko, Malaina Druffner, Charlotte Anstine, Cierra Griffith, Bella Magno, Nicole Yun, Ceilia Breslin, Dakota Baker, Kaia Griffith, Emily Mayo; Bottom: the girls and their caddies, and women golfers following the play.

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Letter from WGGB President

Alexandra Frazier

Dear friends of WGGB,

Women Golfers Give Back had a great year in 2021. Despite the ongoing threat of COVID-19, our programs are full of girls eager to learn new skills and develop new friendships. Golf is booming across the globe because it is a terrific way to socially distance in a beautiful environment, be with friends and exercise.



WGGB is booming, too. With the increased demand on our girls' golf programs, we are happy to report we raised a record amount from our charity golf tournament this year - \$130,000! Thanks so much to our **Lead Sponsor, Bryn Mawr Trust**, and all of our sponsors (see page 6). A special thanks to **Golf Galaxy** and the **Dick's Sporting Goods Foundation's Sports Matter Program** for a generous grant of \$15,000. These funds are essential to helping us to grow golf for girls in our region.

Our charity golf tournament at Whitemarsh Valley Country Club was a great success despite a rain delay, thanks to the tireless work of Co-chairs Alexis Hollander, Meghan Holobetz and Leila Mackie and their entire committee. It was so inspiring to have the girls from our programs back in attendance for clinics, scramble and lunch this year, after school schedules and COVID prevented them from attending in 2020. Next year, the tournament will be held at St. Davids Golf Club in Wayne, PA. **Please save the date for June 27, 2022, 1:00 p.m. shotgun**, and plan to attend.

WGGB's grantmaking totaled \$110,000 in 2021. We funded eight Clinic Programs for early golfers and six Players' Programs for more advanced players, plus a high school girls' golf tournament and a regional girls' golf tour. You will learn more about the programs and read highlights of some of our players throughout this newsletter. We are proud to be the driving force behind girls' golf in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware.

I must also thank the board of directors of WGGB for their hard work throughout the year. It is a delight to work with such dedicated, talented women and WGGB is so lucky to have them. I'm pleased to announce WGGB added two new board members this year, Lisa Pool and Suzanne Betz. A special thanks to our retiring board members, Marji Goldman, Liz Greco-Rocks and Jill Susi. They have invested so much time and energy in WGGB and we are a stronger, better organization because of their work.

Since this is our one appeal of the year, we hope you will consider supporting WGGB with a donation. **Your gift is essential in helping support the programs to teach our girls not only golf, but all the life-lessons that inherently go with it.**

Sincerely yours,

Alexandra Frazier, President & Founder
Women Golfers Give Back



WGGB 2021 Annual Charity Golf Tournament—younger girls participating in the golf clinics

Girls Golf of West Chester's Annual French Creek Outing is a Hit

WGGB grantee program, LPGA-USGA Girls Golf of West Chester, had its annual French Creek Golf Club outing and Ice Cream Social in August. Congratulations to Celia Breslin for winning the individual stroke play and many thanks to Judy Uhrich, a long-time volunteer, for putting it together. The girls love the event, and the weather was great this year! The grantee program, run by Cathy Reynolds, was also proud to see several grantees join the girls golf teams at area high schools: two at Downingtown East, two at Downingtown West, one at Great Valley and one at Owen J. Roberts.

WGGB grantee Molly Barr was one of only 40 girls invited to attend the elite LPGA Leadership Conference this October at the USGA campus in New Jersey. Molly is just 13 years old and has been in the LPGA-USGA Girls Golf of West Chester players program for 3 years. She just entered 8th grade at Downingtown Middle School.

Another grantee, Madeleine Gross, is proving to be quite a golfer at only 10 years old. She progressed to the second round of the Drive/Chip/Putt contest for 2021 and is looking forward to going to the finals in the future. Watch out for Madeleine as a mighty 11-year-old when she tries to qualify for nationals next season.



WGGB Alumna Christina Carrol Makes History in Delaware



We love to follow the success stories of the women and girls who have been a part of our program and growth for many years. Congratulations to Christina Carroll, First Tee of Delaware alumna, for making history in the 2021 Delaware Open. Christina was the first Woman and African American Woman to qualify for the 40-player tournament and finished with 5 birdies.

It was the latest in an exciting string of events for Christina, who also qualified for the 2021 USGA Women's Amateur and was the first woman from Delaware to accomplish this while in college—she is a current member of the University of Delaware Women's Golf Team. While she ultimately didn't make the cut, "she gained good experience", stated Christina's proud father and First Tee of Delaware Coach Henry Carroll. Qualifying for this tournament is no easy feat – Christina placed 2nd with 72 in a regional qualifier to earn her spot at Westchester Golf & Country Club. Nearly 1500 players around the world vie for a spot and only 156 make the starting field.

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2022 WGGB Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Monday, June 27, 2022

St. Davids Golf Club

Congratulations to 2021 Tournament Winners!

Net Results

1st Place: Gary Brown, David Walbrandt, Lisa Perry, Megan McLaughlin

2nd Place (tie): Linda Gamble, Kathy Early, Cathy Dolan, Christi Marks

2nd Place (tie): David Hollander, Charley Dolan, Carl Gordinier, Damon Slepian

Gross Results

1st Place: Mike Petro, Steve Thorne, Tom Holden, Robert Kleckner

2nd Place: Mike Zisman, Rob Bierregard, George Marks, Roger Early

Longest Drive: Steve Thorne, Maria Crowe (a WGGB grantee)

Closest to Pin: Amish Desai, Valerie Jester

Putting Contest: Stevie Thompson

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WGGB's 2021 Charity Tournament Raises \$130,000

June 22, 2021 • Whitemarsh Valley Country Club

Women Golfers Give Back is thrilled to report that between our June 2021 tournament, online auction, raffle and generous donations, we raised a record \$130,000 to support girls' golf programs. Thank you to all our sponsors and supporters for making this another successful year for WGGB and our grantees!

The day started with a clinic for our younger grantees with LPGA and PGA pros, and a 9-hole competition for our older grantees. See photos of the girls in action and 6-hole tournament winners on the WGGB Facebook page. Seeing them play, learn, and love golf is what brings it all home for all who support our organization. We were particularly thrilled to host this year, after having to cancel it in 2020 to ensure the health and safety of our girls.

Congratulations to the winners! Allie Adams, Avery Bell, Cierra Griffith, and Nicole Yun from Linfield National Players' Program captured first place with a score of 21 for 5 holes; Quinn McManus, Daia Dawkins, Emily Mayo and Ann Firko from First Tee of Delaware came in second with a score of 25.

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WGGB 2021 Annual Charity Golf Tournament girls' mini tournament winners: top, 2nd Place team, Quinn McManus, Daia Dawkins, Emily Mayo and Anna Firko, First Tee of Delaware, heading out to play; bottom, 1st Place team, Cierra Griffith, Nicole Yun, Avery Bell, and Allie Adams, Linfield National Players' Program, after their winning round.



WGGB 2021 Annual Charity Golf Tournament: top, girls' clinics taught by LPGA champion Val Skinner and other local LPGA and PGA pros; the girls arriving for morning play

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Special thanks to the Pros Fore Clothes Foundation for donating clothes and gear for the girls, and to **Golf Galaxy** and **DICK'S Sporting Goods** for presenting a \$15,000 donation to some of our girls on the putting green!

After lunch and a brief rain delay, 21 foursomes of WGGB sponsors and supporters completed a one-best-ball tournament

followed by cocktails and dinner. Our LPGA Hall of Fame friend Val Skinner graced us with her presence and beautiful swing on the par-3 hole #9.

Thank you to Whitmarsh Valley Country Club for hosting us again this year, ensuring a safe and fun environment for all. And most of all, a tremendous thank-you to our **generous sponsors and supporters** for helping us raise **\$130,000** to support next year's programs!

WGGB Awards \$110,000 in Grants in 2021

Across Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware

\$57,400 to Clinic Programs and \$52,600 to Players' Programs

Clinic Program Grantees

First Tee of Delaware	\$10,000
First Tee of Greater Philadelphia	\$15,000
First Tee of Greater Trenton	\$10,000
Girls Golf of Valley Forge	\$0*
Girls Golf of West Chester	\$7,500
Live Golf	\$5,000
Makefield Highlands	\$1,900
YWCA of Bethlehem Clinic Program	\$8,000

Players' Program Grantees

First Tee of Delaware	\$12,000
Girls Golf Players' Program of Honeybrook	\$10,500
Girls Golf Revolution	\$10,000
Linfield National Players' Program	\$11,600
Peggy Kirk Bell Girls Golf Tour	\$5,000
YWCA of Bethlehem Players' Program	\$3,500

*Due to inability to hold programs during COVID-19, carried over 2020 grant to fund 2021 programs

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- Host a Charity Day at your club
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Girls' Golf of Valley Forge Mentorship Program

Girls' Golf of Valley Forge (GGVF) coordinated clinics in three locations for girls to learn golf in 2021, with separate clinics set up for beginner, intermediate and advanced players. New this year, GGVF also introduced a Mentorship Program, where more advanced players helped with the clinics and advanced their own leadership skills. Most have been with GGVF since they were 7-8 years old and now play for their respective high school teams.



Camryn Odum

Imagine for a moment... you're 7 years old, new to golf and show up not knowing any of the other girls so you don't make eye contact and act a bit shy. You are enthusiastically greeted by a bigger girl dressed for golf who seems to know more than a little about it. Immediately, you look up to this young woman and want to play like her. GGVF's advanced players act as mentors who greet girls as they arrive, get them a bottle of water and snack, and make sure everyone is prepared for a hot day.

Once signed in, girls are split up in two groups – one for learning swing basics and the other for short game and putting work. As the pros give instruction, the advanced players/mentors assist in both groups as extra hands working one on one with the girls on the drills they remember from long ago. The young girls often open up about frustrations and triumphs and, of course, everyday life. They connect with these more experienced mentors and respect them for their knowledge and passion for the game. The advanced players have been thrilled with the chance to help younger girls learn the game they love. It is a beautiful beginning to friendships that should last a lifetime!

This year, Camryn Odum, one of GGVF's newest beginners, won the best distance control. She was the first to putt 3 balls to just the fringe of the green from 10 feet away!

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Peggy Kirk Bell Tour Teaches Life-Long Lessons



With closely aligned missions, Women Golfers Give Back has been supporting the Peggy Kirk Bell Tour (PKBT) for the past three years. PKBT is a dedicated, "Girls Only Tour" that aims to actively increase girls' participation and interest in golf by providing cost-conscious access to the sport with a specific focus on girls' development in partnership with LPGA-USGA Girls Golf. PKBT offers over 110 tournaments annually for different levels of play for girls ages 9 - 19.

WGGB committee member Taylor Hollander had the chance to attend the PKBT Linville Cup this winter at Pinehurst as a Team Captain for the Mid-Atlantic Region. Eight girls from our area competed in a series of Select Drive/Alternate Shot matches against teams from other PKBT regions around the U.S.

Participating in the Linville Cup is a reward for girls who've worked exceptionally hard during the year and shown they are ready to grow as leaders. They are given the chance to not only learn about the skills, teamwork and strategy that goes into match play, but also connect with other girls who golf

from other regions. That way, the girls foster friendships and connections that help them feel comfortable entering future tournaments, knowing they won't be going at it alone. For Taylor, this aspect really hits home. As a teen, she, too, found herself choosing lacrosse tournaments over golf tournaments because she feared she wouldn't know anyone at the latter. Another unique opportunity for Linville Cup participants is getting to know the captains. The weekend-long event includes a panel conversation where coaches like Taylor share how golf has influenced their lives off the course, what career paths it offers and what skills they learned through golf, such as etiquette and communication with elders. Taylor is the Player Development Director at the Golf Association of Philadelphia, and the other Linville Cup captains included Anna Redding, a former PKBT player who went on to hit the first tee shot at the inaugural Augusta National Women's Amateur in 2019, as well as Emily Brooks, Social Media lead at Titleist.

WGGB is proud to support this exceptional opportunity for girls' skill and leadership development.

Golf Galaxy Donates \$15,000 to WGGB

WGGB was blessed with an incredible \$15,000 donation from the **Golf Galaxy** stores in Devon, Montgomeryville and Oxford Valley via the **DICK'S Sporting Goods Foundation's Sports Matter Program**. Ryan Carfara of the Devon Golf Galaxy presented the check to our grantees on the morning of

our annual tournament and then joined our morning clinic to help our grantees improve their putting. Looks like he had as much fun as they did! Thank you to Golf Galaxy and Dick's Sporting Goods for this incredible donation to Women Golfers Give Back!



Liv2BeKind Memorial

Charlotte Anstine, Girls' Golf Revolution

On August 2, Applecross Country Club, in partnership with Eric MacLuen from Girls' Golf Revolution, hosted the annual Liv2BeKind Memorial, where young golfers take on the challenge to play 100 holes of golf in one day in memory of Alicia "Liv" Juliana. Golfers arrived at 2 or 3 AM to warm up with glo-balls and then hit the course at 4 AM, playing as many holes as they could in just over 16 hours.

On her hundredth hole, Women Golfers Give Back grantee Charlotte Anstine found herself on 18, surrounded by spectators as she accomplished the challenge. But she didn't stop there! Charlotte's personal goal was to play over 200 holes of golf and she finished the day with a monumental feat of 202 played.

Charlotte shared with WGGB how meaningful the cause behind the memorial is to her: "Similar to Liv, my grandmother 'Mor Mor' struggled with mental health," she said. "She suffered from severe depression and I understand what Liv's family went through because I experienced it, too. My grandmother was the one who introduced me to golf and I am really thankful for her and the experiences she left with me. I never knew Liv but she made an impact on the golf program at Applecross. It was great to be able to participate in the event and honor Liv's memory."



Charlotte Anstine

First Tee of Greater Philadelphia

Alumnae Step Up and Give Back



Riley Quatermain

Riley Quatermain, a star golfer for Haverford High School and now a freshman on the golf team at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, is a leader on the golf course. But more importantly, she shows her leadership skills by giving back to the programs that helped her develop them.

Riley offered many virtual classes and golf tips for First Tee's YouTube channel and really stepped up in 2020 too by getting her Haverford golf team to volunteer their time for classes when theirs canceled. A four-year letter winner at Haverford, Riley has played in four Peggy Kirk Bell Tournaments and she was the 2020 High School Central League medalist, shooting 72. She also placed second at the AJGA Golf Performance Center Junior Open.



Dakota Baker

Having been with the program for 10 years, Dakota Baker represented First Tee of Greater Philadelphia at *The Golf To Paradise First Tee Champions Challenge* at Quail Creek Country Club in Naples, Florida, alongside the Chubb Classic in April 2021. This year she also competed in her first PGA Junior events and will play in her first Peggy Kirk Bell event as well. She now coaches First Tee girls' golf sessions.

Charli Jones has also been with First Tee of Greater Philadelphia for 10 years and represented the chapter at the first-ever First Tee Game Changers Academy, which honored Joe Louis Barrow, Jr., and was held at our very own John F. Byrne Golf Club.

Forty-eight students and 12 coaches from the national First Tee network traveled to Philadelphia for the week to engage in conversations about Diversity, Equity and Inclusion with help from the Ross Initiative in Sports for Equality (RISE), a national nonprofit that educates and empowers the sports community to eliminate racial discrimination, champion social justice and improve race relations. The experience gave Charli and the other young participants a space to learn, grow, and become Champions for Change.

YWCA Bethlehem

YWCA Bethlehem hosted its 19th season of LPGA-USGA Girls Golf in 2021. A total of 36 girls ages 6 to 13 participated in weekly lessons at Southmoore Golf Course, Wedgewood Golf Course and Bethlehem Golf Club led by PGA Pros Jim Muschlitz, Dawn Roberts and Mark Csencsits. They covered putting, chipping, driving, rules and etiquette and got to play holes on-course with instruction and guidance.

YWCA Bethlehem's Teen Players Program provided advanced instruction at Southmoore and on-course play at multiple courses with PGA Pro Patrick Spang for six girls ages 12 – 16.

In addition to weekly clinics, many of the girls from both age groups attended special events including a Six-Hole Classic and mentoring event at Saucon Valley Country Club. During the season, the girls also enjoyed wonderful volunteer support from eight local women golfers who became mentors to them.

Program Director Jen Wanisko shared that the support of Women Golfers Give Back ensures that YWCA Bethlehem can provide positive golf experiences for girls in the Lehigh Valley that go beyond clinic instruction to offer on-course play, mentorship and socialization with other girls who share an interest in the game. We are proud to support the YWCA!



Judy Dwyer and teen players at the Six-Hole Classic and mentoring event at Saucon Valley.

For more news about WGGB girls and alumnae, follow us on

